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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:		)	Chapter 11
CELSIUS NETWORK LLC, et al.,1		)	Case No. 22-10964 (MG)
	Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

# NOTICE OF PRESENTMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON THIRD JOINT STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER BETWEEN THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND THE DEBTORS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR FILING A NONDISCHARGEABILITY COMPLAINT AND PROOFS OF CLAIM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") will present the Third Joint Stipulation and Agreed Order Between the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Debtors to Extend the Deadline for Filing a Nondischargeability Complaint and Proofs of Claim (the "Stipulation and Order") to the Honorable Martin Glenn, Chief United States

service address in these chapter 11 cases is 50 Harrison Street, Suite 209F, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Celsius Network LLC (2148); Celsius KeyFi LLC (4414); Celsius Lending LLC (8417); Celsius Mining LLC (1387); Celsius Network Inc. (1219); Celsius Network Limited (8554); Celsius Networks Lending LLC (3390); Celsius US Holding LLC (7956); GK8 Ltd. (1209); GK8 UK Limited (0893); and GK8 USA LLC (9450). The location of Debtor Celsius Network LLC's principal place of business and the Debtors'

Bankruptcy Judge, for approval and signature on March 30, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses or objections to the relief requested in the Stipulation and Order shall: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, and all General Orders applicable to chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; (c) be filed electronically with the Court on the docket of In re Celsius Network LLC, No. 22-10964 (MG) by registered users of the Court's electronic filing system and in accordance with all General Orders applicable to chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (which are available on the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov); and (d) be served in accordance with the Final Order (I) Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 528] (the "Case Management Order") by March 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, (the "Objection Deadline"), on (i) the entities on Service List available the website of the **Debtors** the Master on case https://cases.stretto.com/celsius and (ii) any person or entity with a particularized interest in the subject matter of the Stipulation and Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no objections or other responses are timely filed and served by the Objection Deadline with respect to the Stipulation and Order, the Debtors shall, on the Presentment Date, submit the Stipulation and Order to the Court, which order the Court may enter without further notice or opportunity to be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if a written objection is timely filed, the Court will notify the moving and objecting parties of the date and time of the hearing and of the moving

party's obligation to notify all other parties entitled to receive notice. The moving and objecting parties are required to attend the hearing, and failure to attend in person or by counsel may result in relief being granted or denied upon default.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Stipulation and Order and other pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Stretto at https://cases.stretto.com/celsius. You may also obtain copies of the Stipulation and Order and other pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases by visiting the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

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New York, New York Dated: March 16, 2023 /s/ Joshua A. Sussberg

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#### Exhibit A

**Stipulation and Order** 

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# THIRD JOINT STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER BETWEEN THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND THE DEBTORS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR FILING A NONDISCHARGEABILITY COMPLAINT AND PROOFS OF CLAIM

This stipulation and agreed order (this "<u>Third Stipulation</u>") is entered into this 30th day of March, 2023, by and among the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>" and, together with the Debtors, the "Parties").

**WHEREAS,** on July 13, 2022, each of the Initial Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code");

WHEREAS, by Order dated November 16, 2022, 2022 [Docket No. 1368] (the "Bar Date Order"), the Court set January 10, 2023 as the deadline by which a governmental unit, as defined

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in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code, must file proofs of claim in the chapter 11 cases of the Initial Debtors (the "Governmental Bar Date");

WHEREAS, the SEC is a governmental unit within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Code.

11 U.S.C. § 101(27);

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have agreed, subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, to an extension of the Governmental Bar Date for the SEC;

WHEREAS, section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that "the confirmation of a plan does not discharge a debtor that is a corporation from any debt...(A) of a kind specified in paragraph (2)(A) or (2)(B) of section 523(a) [of the Bankruptcy Code] that is owed to a domestic governmental unit...";

WHEREAS, Rule 4007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") provides in relevant part that "a complaint to determine the dischargeability of a debt under § 523(c) [of the Bankruptcy Code] shall be filed no later than 60 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors under § 341(a) [of the Bankruptcy Code]...";

WHEREAS, the staff of the SEC takes the position that section 523(c) of the Bankruptcy Code and the corresponding deadline in Bankruptcy Rule 4007(c) do not apply to the nondischargeability of a debt under section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code; and thus, that section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code is self-effectuating and the SEC may take whatever action may be required, if any, to determine the nondischargeability of a debt pursuant to section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code at any time, including following the confirmation of a chapter 11 plan. See, e.g., In re Hawker Beechcraft, Inc., 515 B.R. 416 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 27, 2014);

WHEREAS, the SEC does not concede the applicability of section 523(c) of the Bankruptcy Code to determinations under section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, but recognizes that if section 523(c) of the Bankruptcy Code were to apply to such determinations, then an action to determine the nondischargeability of a debt pursuant to section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code in the chapter 11 cases of the Initial Debtors would have to be filed on or before October 18, 2022, in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 4007(c);

WHEREAS, the Parties submitted a first stipulation on October 17, 2022 [Docket No. 1095] (the "First Stipulation"), which the Court granted on November 9, 2022, extending the deadline for filing a complaint or taking other action that may be required in the Initial Debtors' chapter 11 cases to assert the nondischargeability of a claim under section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code to January 17, 2022 [Docket No. 1309];

WHEREAS, the Parties submitted a second stipulation on December 23, 2022 [Docket No. 1782] (the "Second Stipulation"), which the Court granted on January 13, 2023, extending the deadline for filing a complaint or taking other action that may be required in the Initial Debtors' chapter 11 cases to assert the nondischargeability of a claim under section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code to March 31, 2023 and extending the Government Bar Date to March 31, 2023 [Docket No. 1858];

WHEREAS, without binding precedent in this jurisdiction on this issue, and in order to avoid unnecessary litigation, the undersigned parties nonetheless seek a third extension of the section 523(c) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 4007(c) deadline out of an abundance of caution, without prejudice to the SEC's right to seek further extensions;

Based on the foregoing stipulation of the parties, it is ORDERED that:

- 1. To the extent section 523(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rule 4007(c) applies, the date by which the SEC must file its complaint or take other action that may be required, if any, in the chapter 11 cases of the Initial Debtors to determine the nondischargeability of a debt, pursuant to section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be May 15, 2023, or such later date as may be ordered by the Court, without prejudice to the SEC's right to seek further extensions of the date.
- 2. The Governmental Bar Date for the SEC shall be May 15, 2023, or such later date as may be ordered by the Court, without prejudice to the SEC's right to seek further extensions of such dates.
- 3. This Third Stipulation is without prejudice to any rights of the Debtors or other parties in interest to object to the applicability of section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code to any claims asserted by the SEC.
- 4. Nothing in this Third Stipulation constitutes a determination that section 523(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rule 4007(c) applies, or that any deadline exists to seek a determination of nondischargeability under section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 5. Neither this Third Stipulation nor any negotiations and writings in connection herewith will in any way be construed as or deemed to be evidence of, or an admission on behalf of any Party regarding, any claim or right that such Party may have against the other Party.
- 6. Neither this Third Stipulation, nor any terms contained herein, shall be offered as evidence in any legal or administrative proceeding among or between the Parties, other than as may be necessary: (a) to obtain approval of and to enforce this Third Stipulation or (b) to seek damages or injunctive relief in connection therewith.
  - 7. Nothing in this Third Stipulation or the relief sought herein shall constitute or be

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(a) an allowance of administrative expense claims under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) an assumption or rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against a Debtor entity under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (d) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds whatsoever; (e) a promise or requirement to pay any claim; (f) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in the Third Stipulation or a finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim or other priority claim; (g) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates; (h) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors', or any insurers', rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable nonbankruptcy law; or (i) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) that may be satisfied pursuant to this Third Stipulation are valid, and the rights of all parties in interest are expressly reserved to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or seek avoidance of all such liens.

- 8. Each of the Parties to this Third Stipulation represents and warrants it is duly authorized to enter into and be bound by this Third Stipulation.
- 9. This Third Stipulation may be executed in identical counterparts, including by facsimile and/or electronic mail, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.
- 10. This Third Stipulation represents the entire agreement by and between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior understandings or agreements, if any, are merged into this Third Stipulation.

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11. The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to any disputes arising from or other actions to interpret, administer, or enforce the terms and provisions of this Third Stipulation, and the Parties hereby consent to such jurisdiction to resolve any disputes or controversies arising from or related to the implementation of this Third Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

New Y	ork, New	York	
Dated:		,	2023

THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN
CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties, by their respective authorized counsel, have executed this Third Stipulation as of the date written below:

Dated: March 16, 2023

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